

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation )  
of the Educator Certificate of )  
Casey L. Blackwell, )  
Certificate 213557 )

## CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

## SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 11, 2005. On December 10, 2004, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation to Ms. Casey L. Blackwell by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Blackwell agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued to Ms. Blackwell by the State Board, (2) the public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "test security violation," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Ms. Blackwell.

**Accepted:**

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Date:

Casey L.  
Blackwell  
213557

## FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Blackwell holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over two years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Ms. Blackwell was a third grade teacher at Anderson Mill Elementary in Spartanburg County School District Six. During the May 2004 administration of PACT testing, Ms. Blackwell reviewed approximately six test questions with students that she had remembered from last year's PACT test. Ms. Blackwell admitted to reviewing the

questions, stating that she did not know the questions could reappear on subsequent tests.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Ms. Blackwell. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

January 11, 2005

**I, Casey L. Blackwell, SC Teaching Certificate 213557, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, January 11, 2005.**

1/4/05  
Date

/S/ Casey Blackwell  
Signature